

# PRINCE ALBERT OF FLANDERS'S ACCOUNT OF HIS UNPARALLELED ADVENTURES IN GAZOOZOLAND.

Being His Naive Description of the Brobdignagian New Yorkers, the Millionaire Pig Hunters of Jekyl Island, Etc.

**PRINCE ALBERT'S** own account of his recent tour in America was published yesterday in *Petit Bleu* Brussels. The Journal printed exclusively yesterday the article in abstract. The remarkable story of the Prince attracted such widespread attention that the Journal had the entire narrative cabled over from Europe, and to-day publishes it in full.

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## Special Cable Dispatch.

**RUSSELS, Aug. 22.**—Prince Albert's impressions of America, written by one of his suite at the Prince's dictation, are being widely read and causing favorable comment on his shrewd, but fair, observations. After describing the voyage the impressions begin:

## THE PRINCE IN NEW YORK.

"The steamer stopped and was met by a boat which brought Major-General Merritt and his staff to welcome the Prince in the name of the President. It was the same General Merritt now in command of the army at Manila and who, before sailing, said to his fiancée, a pretty young woman, 'We will be married on my return, after I have taken Manila, but my happiest capture will be the second.'"

"Around the steamer was an indescribable confusion; immense ferry boats coming and going in all directions, carrying loads of carriages, carts and entire trains,

were seen regular blocks of houses with streets crossing at right angles.

"This bird's eye view does not resemble the picturesque panorama of our old European cities; here the monuments appear small and the buildings excessively large. One sees that all has been constructed purely for the practical, hastily, with the idea of greatness and comfort, and so grand in effect that the traveller believes himself in a dream until he sees across the Brooklyn Bridge, which is outlined across the sky like an immense, delicate lacework of iron, that a new city begins which one may well imagine to be a hive of industry."

## We Are Brobdignagians.

"The mind is disconcerted, the imagination surprised; one cannot believe the reality of this city, which seems to have been built by giants."

"The Prince, still under the spell of the profound impression, was conducted to the office of Lawyer Condert, whom he desired to visit. There nothing was like the cabinet of one of our leaders of the bar."

## Lawyers Chary of Speech.

"At night the Prince, wishing to study more this 'society of the palace,' as we

the salon the conversation continued on Americans, their customs and habits."

"In the afternoon the Prince ascended the Obelisk (Washington Monument), 155 metres high, and admired the panorama of the city, which extended beyond the reach of vision, having the aspect of an enormous park dotted with houses. At each crossing there are statues, surrounded by trees and flowers in little parks."

## Juggernauts That Show Mercy

"In the streets there run, silently and swiftly as arrows, tram cars, each carrying a large net to catch imprudent pedestrians who have not time to escape. It might be said that pedestrians in the encumbered streets of American cities have to use the same agility as our trapeze artists, and have the same guard against accident as is used in circus—the net."

## A Floral Revel.

The table of twenty-four covers was resplendent, but one noticed the absence of menus. During the dinner the Marine Band played national airs, beginning with "Brabanconne," the air of the Netherlands. After dinner there was a reception in the parlors, where there was another profusion of flowers. The Prince, who by his cordiality, his youth and his observing nature won all sympathies, retired at a quarter past eleven o'clock."

## THE PRINCE AT JEKYL ISLAND

"Jekyl Island is a little island abandoned by its colonists during the war of secession, but which was purchased by some rich Americans in 1888. It realizes one of the strange fantasies of millionaires who founded there a club of villas. The site is delicious and nothing could be so pretty as its elegant buildings on the edge of the sea in the midst of sumptuous parks."

"In the interior of the island they have organized for themselves hunts, promenades, coachings, picnics and tennis parties. It is the triumph of sport, and all days pass in endless parties."

"It is a strange thing that the horses and beasts left on this island when it was deserted, have returned to their savage state and have grown so fierce as to oblige their destruction."

## Fearful Sport.

"The pigs have acquired the freedom and liberty of boars and defend themselves vigorously. These serve for the sport of the lords of the manor, who in the hunt set out for the chase on blooded horses, preceded by packs of hounds."

## THE PRINCE AT NEWPORT.

"It is at Newport, where the villas are the most luxuriously extravagant, that there is placed before you the society, the high life, of the Americans."

## THE PRINCE IN WASHINGTON.

"On March 10 the Prince went to Washington to take part in a series of fetes and official ceremonies organized in his honor, such as a reception and dinner at the White House."

## White House Pomp.

"A reception by the President gave the Prince an idea of pomp and ceremony more royal than republican. At noon two aides in full uniform came in the President's carriage for the Prince at his hotel to conduct him to the White House. The palace is simple of construction, but surrounded by a very grand and wonderful park."

"The Prince was introduced into the grand reception room by the officers of the household. The Prince and suite awaited the President, who soon arrived and welcomed his royal guest. He is not tall, is of robust appearance, his face shaven, forehead large and bulging and his eyes lively and intelligent. His ensemble is strikingly like that of Napoleon. M. McKinley's smile is extremely affable, and he took on an expression of genuine kindness as His Royal Highness presented the members of his suite. M. McKinley had an amiable word for each without being commonplace."

"After a few minutes' conversation the President proposed to the Prince a drive about the city. He then took him to a hotel, where he alighted. As he entered



Prince Albert, of Flanders.

The Journal reprints in full to-day the Prince's own description of his visit to this country, as it appeared in a Brussels paper. Some abstracts of the Prince's ingenious narrative were published by the Journal yesterday, which attracted so much attention that the Journal had the entire article cabled over.

gloves drawn back from the hand: 'What is your opinion of American women, their grace, their wit?' And always these same questions repeated eternally."

## Escaped from Philistines.

"The Prince threw himself into a carriage which dashed into the confusion of the city. Suddenly there was the booming of cannon. Is it a grand victory reported over the Spaniards that they are celebrating the destruction of another squadron of the enemy? No, it is a fete in honor of Her Gracious Majesty, the Queen of England, Empress of India; it is celebrated for the first time by Brother Jonathan as a signal of alliance, a sign of the times."

## PRINCE AT ST. AUGUSTINE.

"St. Augustine, where the Prince arrived on a beautiful sunny day and sees an immense park with flowers larger than ours, redder, bluer, more lily-white and with perfumes more penetrating. The hotels had the air of caravansaries."

"There on the terrace at night one is intoxicated by their fragrance. One breathes the freshness of the sea breeze, the pink laurel, orange and pomegranate that grow in these gardens. They make one think of the hotel when the negro servant of the hotel came and gave to him an enormous package of letters and journals addressed to Mr. Harris. There were no less than five Harris in the hotel and he had to change his name."

## AT SAN FRANCISCO.

"It was with his mind still agitated with these sights that the Prince arrived at San Francisco, Sunday, April 24, the day of the official declaration of war between Spain and the United States."

"The newspapers, read at the hotel, gave the Prince his news of the first captures of the Spanish ships by the Yankees. This city, built upon a mountain, has its own animation, which is extraordinary, overflowing with its trams, which grip cables in order to reach the central streets, where other cars leave in all directions with a rapidity which makes one tremble."

"In certain of the principal thoroughfares are turntables, by means of which the directions of the omnibuses is changed without any thought being given to the pedestrians, who also turn themselves as on merry-go-rounds, which have been disarranged of their wooden horses."

"The rendezvous of high society in San Francisco is Golden Gate Park, which is a grander park than the park of La Cambre, dotted here and there with flower-laden parterres and in which are many magnificent hothouses, an interesting fort and an Egyptian museum."

"It is there also that there is an aviary that is not hatched as to its plan and dimensions. Imagine a piece of ground planted with trees, groves as large as the Place Royale, all surrounded with a tangle of trees traversed by trellised paths equally embowered, and in the middle of which are flying thousands and thousands of birds of the islands, of all sorts of plumages and all sizes."

## Real Tigers in Real Cages.

"The public promenades in the walks, while round about them great Bengal tigers are tumbling in their vast cages and nightingales of Japan are singing."

"The large paths of the park are plied with carriages drawn by two, four, six and eight horses. Horsemen and horsewomen are numerous among them. Much proclaims the equality of the two sexes in riding stride."

## Rhythmic Gum Chewing.

"All the time the music is being played they chew and chew incessantly, with a rhythmic movement of the mouth, balls of gum mixed with pepsin. Men, women, children—everybody chews chewing gum. One might think himself transported to a world of ruminants."

"The Chinese of San Francisco occupy, as is known, a quarter of the city where they are exclusively among themselves, having their own temple, their own theatre, their own gambling halls, and their own raised houses in narrow streets, where their characteristic odor seizes you."

"It is a city within a city. When the Prince visited it he took the precaution of having a guide and a policeman accompany him—the latter being indispensable if one does not wish to expose himself to the danger of disappearing for all time in this corner of the extreme Orient transported to America."

"Along the inconsiderable footways are little shops filled with Chinese kuleknicks, that have the charm of neither grace nor rarity, which Chinamen dressed in long blue blouses offer you at exorbitant prices, addressing you with an obsequious smirk, which shows their white teeth

Eight-Horse Family Teams, Lightning-Like Ferries, and a Thousand Strange Sights.

In their yellow faces set with little eyes sparkling with malice and glee.

"In the evening all the shop windows are lighted up with paper lanterns whose varied colors give an aspect of gaiety to these narrow thoroughfares that swarm with small, lean men dressed in clothes that are too large for them, and with bad countenances, and among all these Asiatics not a single woman, not even a Chinese woman, neither in the temple, which the Prince visited, nor in the houses, nor in the theatre where the crowd presses, so attentive to the antics of the players that they are almost immovable, receiving the performance without a gesture, while a vague orchestra in which the symbols dominate accompanies the words of the actor."

"On the scenery there is no decoration. The greenrooms are cramped and dirty, often serving as kitchens for the actors, whose dressing rooms are situated underground, far from the air. In them is accented that special odor that is so penetrating, the Chinese odor, of which I have already spoken."

## Read War Dispatches.

"After having visited several private houses, narrow, miserable, and filled with smokers of opium, who intoxicate themselves just as truly as in the stories of Rudyard Kipling by inhaling the poisoned fumes in order to imagine themselves in a paradise, the Prince returned to the city more interested still. It seemed to him that in the other days the crowd that is stationed in front of the newspaper offices is larger."

"Everybody reads the dispatches of the war which are transcribed as they arrive

on a long band of canvas, turning round two cylinders, one of which is attached to the roof, while the other is on the soil. The sensational dispatches never failed to arrive in order to maintain the numerous public in front of the curtains that turn incessantly to proclaim the exploits of the American fleet."

"On the evening when the Prince went on the train from San Diego to the playhouse at Los Angeles they were playing 'The Midshipman,' a drama the success of which is great in all America. The play, showing what the energy of man may do when he is American, was mediocre, as you can imagine, but it flattered the national conceit, and that was enough to give it hundreds of performances. The principal role was interpreted by a boxer formerly celebrated, who has abandoned boxing."

"On June 14 the Prince returned to New York, where the temperature reaches 90 degrees. You are stifled at the hotel tables, which are placed on the roofs, that are transformed into hanging gardens. Here at the dinner hour you may breathe a little while looking at the city lighting up with a thousand fires."

"Prince Albert has seen all that he had gone to see in the New World. He was amazed, but that did not prevent him from being homesick."

"On June 22 he sailed on the Friesland and returned to Europe, hastening to see again a little corner of the earth which is called the patria Belgica."

Miss Bouton, the Actress, Dying. San Francisco, Aug. 22.—Madeline Bouton, late of the Frawley Dramatic Company, is lying at the point of death, as the result of a recent surgical operation.



Boston's Ruling Passion, According to the Prince. "The remarkable industries are refining petroleum in New York, slaughter of pigs in Boston and the agricultural methods near San Francisco."—Extract from yesterday's Journal.

which, as soon as they touched shore, ran off in all directions.

## Those Swift Ferryboats.

"There were on the river five, ten, fifteen, twenty glancing ferryboats, each like a moving highway that collection of ships of all manes, from transatlantic giants to fragile boats having the lightness of gulls, foudling the water with their white wings."

"It seemed each instant as though these thousands of boats would collide and crush one another with the clamor of exasperated giants, but they passed rapidly as the wind, almost grazing."

"More boats, more steamers, more tugboats, always coming, without end, as if the city allotted in the background was incessantly vomiting them forth to invade the world."

## Liberty's Glorious Form.

"Suddenly, standing erect, towering in a graceful, glorious pose, the Statue of Liberty appeared in the misty landscape, at the feet of the two cities which stretch along the river banks as far as the eye can see, and in which the buildings are the highest of all the world."

"Two puffing tags drew our ship to the dock, where crowds of people awaited the arriving passengers."

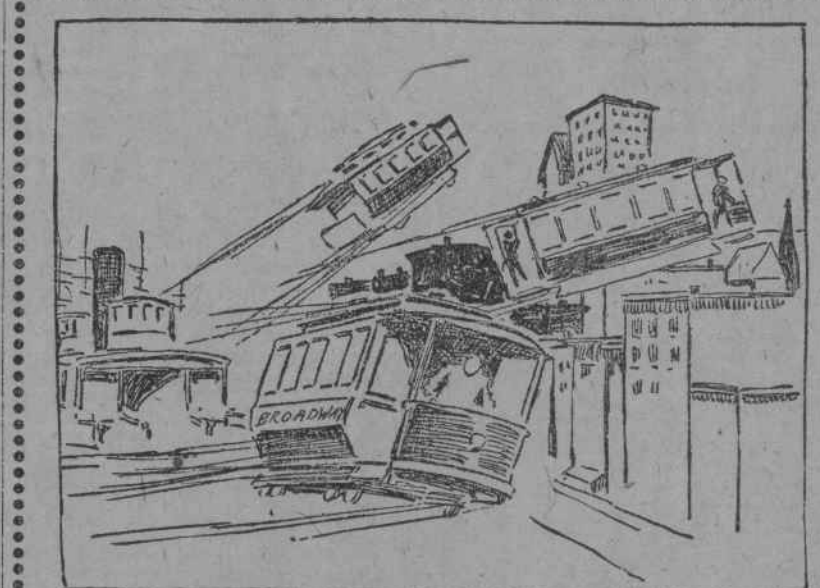
"The Prince hid himself from the curiosity of the people and the importunities of reporters. He darted into a carriage, which went aboard a ferryboat and journeyed to New York, on the other side of the Hudson."

"After having crossed the city of so great activity, in whose streets cars follow cars, scarcely leaving room for foot passengers and carriages, which, perhaps explain why the Prince saw but one automobile, with trams running at full speed on aerial railways, His Royal Highness arrived at the Hotel Waldorf, where a number of journalists awaited, but the Prince, eager to see the city, escaped them, after having admired the roses and wreaths of flowers which Belgian ladies living in New York had graciously sent him."

## Up in Dreamland.

"The next day was devoted to seeing the city. The Prince visited the Produce Exchange, where all the grain dealers of New York assemble for their commercial transactions. In feverish pursuit of dollars, he ascended to the top of one of the enormous twenty-story buildings which line the largest thoroughfares of the city to obtain a panoramic view. In a second the elevator took him to a terrace overlooking New York, whose high chimneys poisoned the air with their yellow smoke, through which

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Prince Albert's Idea of New York Activity.

"The city of so great activity, in whose streets cars follow cars, scarcely leaving room for foot passengers, with trams running at full speed on aerial railways."

"The women, especially the young women, shine in all their glory. All day there are parties of games or sport, yachting and five o'clocks, and at night dinners, balls and fetes, at which the indefatigable young women appear, wearing exquisite toilettes, dazzling with jewels."

"All is sumptuous and greatly seductive on condition that one has dollars to throw out of doors and windows for carrying on this life of eternal pleasure and eternal go; but one explains the other. It is only the working and great winning in New York, Philadelphia and other cities that permits the spending and enjoyment of Newport."

## THE PRINCE AT ST. LOUIS.

"As soon as the Prince and his suite alighted from the train at St. Louis an army of reporters threw themselves on His Highness. They were of all ages, all sizes and all sexes. 'Pardon, sir, an interview. What do you think, sir, of the Cuban war? What time, sir, do you arise in the morning?'"

"Then there were the women journalists, often pretty, their faces intelligent. They were armed with little notebooks and their

## St. Augustine Like Seville.

"That is the new city, which includes the ancient one. The ancient one is very small, with narrow, crooked streets, bordered by one-story houses, the balconies of which almost touch one another, as in certain districts of Seville."

"It is delicious to live here, especially when one arrives from the commercial cities full of smoke, tramways, carriages and incessant noise. St. Augustine is sweet for its marvellous surroundings, rest in the land of the sun, in the shade of palm trees. In a real palace where His Royal Highness stayed, there was a crowd of travellers toward which the Prince wished to observe an absolute incognito. He assumed a borrowed name."

## An Amusing Adventure.

"Persons of his suite did the same thing. His aide-de-camp had for that reason an amusing adventure. Colonel Jungbluth had selected the name of Harris and he had hardly inscribed it on the register of



Awful Plague of Reporters at St. Louis.

"An army of reporters threw themselves on His Highness. They were of all ages, all sizes and all sexes. 'Pardon, sir, an interview! What time do you arise in the morning?' The Prince threw himself into a carriage."

## BOGUS BELL BOY'S SHREWD TRICK.

Secures \$2,000 from the Cashier of a Chicago Hotel by Simply Asking for It.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—A dozen detectives are scouring the city to-night for a young man, armed with only a bright face and a bell boy's suit, accomplished a most successful robbery in broad daylight, and in the presence of fifty or more people, J. K. Sebring, proprietor of the Hotel Morrison, is the loser."

Mr. Sebring this morning gave Mrs. Morrison, cashier at the Saratoga, a check covering the pay rolls of both houses. She secured the cash at the bank and set to work dividing it and putting it into separate envelopes. She had barely completed her task when a good looking young man, dressed in a bell boy's suit and cap, stepped up to the desk and said: "Mr. Sebring says he sent him the payroll and the money."

The request was not unusual, and the unsuspecting cashier handed out the bundle of money-filled envelopes. The bogus bell boy slipped them into his pocket and has not been seen since."

## NEW YORK TROOPS FOR HONOLULU.

The First Regiment to Do Garrison Duty. Harbor Will Be Fortified.

San Francisco, Aug. 22.—Brigadier-General King is in charge of the troops on the Arizona, which sailed yesterday. Major-General Merriam had instructions to erect a hospital at Honolulu, to cost, with its equipment, \$35,000. Barracks for at least 1,500 troops are also to be erected at Honolulu.

The First New York Regiment, consisting of 1,300 men, 330 of whom are Regulars, will be sent from here as the United States first garrison on the islands. This force will be increased by the enlistment of a battalion of 400 men from the Hawaiian military. General Merriam has authority to spend \$100,000 for the erection of barracks. Officers' quarters at Honolulu are also to be built, and it is understood that General Merriam has power to spend \$50,000 for that purpose. Residences for forty-four officers are to be erected. One of the most exacting duties General Merriam is intrusted with is the survey of the harbor of Honolulu, and he will report as to the best means of fortifying it."

## YOUNG WOMAN KILLS SISTER.

New Market, Ont., Aug. 22.—Minnie Sexton today deliberately fired four bullets into the body of her elder sister, Susan Sexton, killing her. The girls were orphaned, living together. George Partridge, passing just before the murder, heard the two girls laughing joyously. Immediately after committing the deed the woman gave herself up. The young murderer was at one time confined in the lunatic asylum and of late has been acting strangely."

## OUR TROOPS KEEP ORDER IN MANILA.

Business Resumed in the Philippines Capital—Spain Seeks Facts of Surrender.

Manila, Philippine Islands, Aug. 22.—Perfect order has thus far been maintained in Manila under American control. The city is quiet and seems almost to have resumed its normal business and social activity."

Madrid, Aug. 22.—Lieutenant-General Correa, Minister of War, has received a cable from General Jaudenes, dated August 21, in which he refers to four dispatches giving details of the fighting at Manila and the surrender. Those have not been received. It is supposed that the Americans have intercepted them."

General Jaudenes says he has not received the Government's formal announcement of the signing of the protocol; and he asserts that the insurgents continue hostilities against the Spaniards."

## EIGHTY DROWNED BY BRIDGE'S FALL.

A Regiment of Soldiers Precipitated Into the River Maros at Hoad.

London, Aug. 22.—A dispatch from Budapest to a London news agency says that yesterday while a regiment was crossing a pontoon bridge over the River Maros, near Hoad, the bridge collapsed."

Three hundred men were immersed, and it is feared that no fewer than eighty were drowned."

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